

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A piston for a [[A]] suction valve, comprising:
~~a valve seat being a tube with open top and bottom surfaces;~~
~~a piston having a head for engaging said top surface of said valve seat and a~~
~~stem extending downwardly from said head through said valve seat, said stem having~~
~~a first transverse aperture and a second transverse aperture; said second aperture~~
~~opens to said first aperture, both said first and second aperture are at a lower portion~~
~~of said stem.~~
~~a valve guide being positioned adjacent said bottom surface of said valve seat~~
~~and slidably receiving said stem;~~
~~a valve keeper being fitted upon said stem such that said valve guide is~~
~~disposed between said valve seat and said valve keeper;~~
~~an abutment being positioned within said transverse aperture and abutting the~~
~~bottom of said valve keeper; and,~~
~~a resilient member positioned between and exerting opposing forces upon said valve~~
~~guide and said valve keeper so as to normally retain said head in engagement with said top~~
~~surface of said valve seat.~~